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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1913.

A STATE PLATFORM CONVENTION

Several important Issues are to be decided by the Democratic State Comserious attention of the supreme Democratic body in the State. A State platmanded by public sentiment. The pur- to duty to their fellowmen, both were pose of such a convention would be to formulate a platform of principles, which would serve as a chart for the guidance of all public servants who would owe their election to the Democratic party. With a single exception. every newspaper which has discussed the question of such a convention has thoroughly indorsed it. It is a striking and significant fact that the demand has not been factional-it has Democracy in Virginia.

Convention had performed its full duty at Norfolk last May there would not now be need for a State platform convention. The business of that assemblage was transacted with such haste the State is concerned. Not one of the vital State issues was considered by the Norfolk convention.

Let us have a convention to do the work thath has been left undone-a convention to enunciate Democratic principles so that we shall wage our warfare on something more tangible than the personalities of our nominees. Can the Democratic party go on demanding that the people of Virginia support it without letting them know what the party stands for in the State, and what it promises in the State? How much longer will the people endure

sheer force of character and will of a few strong men. There has been no great party sentiment firmly united for reforms. They have come in spite for party sontiment and party demond, but they have come so slowly as to be almost imperceptible. We need force almost imperceptible. We need force and aggressiveness and progressive. and aggressiveness and progressiveness. We need new are injected into our party activities to make it the party virile and strong and of use to

possibly do at this time.

A PROPITABLE POLICY.

The fact that a transportation com- from the tariff. pany which aims to develop the coun- If these were all the Democrats the activities it has also directed atten- privilege, the latest month for which statistics | sion." are available, the twelve other railroads which operate in the Southern's WHO ARE THE TWENTY GREATEST territory reported an increase in gross

The Cimes Bispaich upon its progressive policy in a substantial way. If the other railroads upon its progressive policy in a subwhich operate in the Southern States would adopt similar programs it would Lynchburg Bureau....... 213 Eighth Street | the South's resources and in the growth of her manufactures and commerce.

AMBLER AND SCOTT.

The dving message of Captain Scott, 25 of the British South Polar expedition, .. that comes to the world out of the ice-enshrouded wastes of the Ant-One Week. pathos and courage that some years without Sunday 10 cents Marshall Ambier, the young Virginian Peter the Great. bunday only 5 cents surgeon of the ill-fated American

When Admiral Melville, of the searching party, found Ambler, who was the last of the De Long retreating detachment to succumb to the grim reaper, he was sitting upright. pistol in hand, guarding the body of his dead commander. There are many parallels in the personal elements of these antipodal tragedles. There are mittee at its meeting here to-night, thrilling suggestions of accord of but there is one question possibly not spirit in passing to the beyond, in the on the state that ought to receive the final words and inspirations of the two men. as disclosed in their diaries,

To their heritage, to the highest form convention is unquestionably de- ideals of heroism and self-sacrifice,

"True to the last of their

Knowing that the "angel of death" had "spread his wings to the blast." and was slowly but surely and relentlessly enfolding them, conscious that the star of their hope had set forever, amid the dread silence of the boundless tomb, which nature, as if in mocking fury, was "hurling into been voiced by all the divisions of shapeless form" about them, while they were yet alive, there was no re-If the quadriennial State Democratic pining. There was nought of crimination of fate; nought of fear, no thought of self.

The last thought of each was of Moliere. others. The last oblation of both was

manhood, fortitude and self-abnega- ginians in history? tion in the face of the King of Terrors

THE SHELTERING ARMS. 'Like as a mother shields her child From chilling winds or wild alarms, Reared in His name, the Saviour mild

ing Arms.

Free as the air, a boon to all.

This is Founder's Day at the Sheltering Arms-the twenty-fourth anniversary of the establishment of an insti- approach of dawn the early tution of the purest of charity. Upon is the great Democratic party of Vir. it to-day fall the benedictions of thousginia to remain silent for four more ands of the weary, the heavy laden, years on the issues that press for im- the stricken, the poor and the helpless down into valleys, fields and meadows, ears on the issues that press for immediate solution? Where stands the whom it has gathered under its roof awakening from their slumbers all living creatures; transforming myriads of Democratic party on the legalized pri- and ministered unto freely and gladmary, compulsory education, the fee ly. Its only compensation has been the monds; gladdening the tasseling corn; system, tax equalization, economy and heartfelt gratitude of those who were strenchment in government, convict without money and without friends. workmen's compensation, the it has helped those who of all hu-

is the only one in the country. Last glorious Sunny South, "The "If Virginia had a respectable minoryear it cared for 571 patients, giving bixie," "The Gem of America," "The land of the free, the home of the land of the free, the home of the brave."

It requires for maintenance \$10,000; N. O. Pylos Columbia & G. year in and year the city contributes \$2,500 and \$2,400 N. O. Pyles, Columbia, S. C., pinxit, The subject is well chosen—the sunout, not because we so much deserved the city contributes (1900 to be subto win, but rather because there was is received as interest upon the endowto win, but rather because there was is received as interest upon the endowfise is about the only thing in South
To get news of the day.

The subject is well enosen—the sunfise is about the only thing in South
The has a party telephone exist unless they stand for scribed by charitably-inclined friends.

Whatever the party has optished has been done through force of character and will of a incalculable service in sheltering, sus-

CLOTHING.

to order such a convention. The Times- its following will be inevitable. There by false in every particular." trusts that the committee will con- are ofange-and-lemon-and-grapefruit sider the matter carefully and see fit Democrats, sugar Democrats, iron-and- Mexican politics is like the ancient to accede to public sentiment. In our steel Democrats, Standard Oil Demo- game of Simon says Thumbs up. judgment, this is the wisest thing that crats, gine Democrats, timber Demothe Democratic State Committee can crats, cotton Democrats, peanut Democrats and wool Democrats. Each set the fans. They have appointed the will go into wrathful convulsions when umpires for 1913. its own particular graft is removed

try it traverses serves its own inter- situation would be critical, but they ests as well as those of the public is are not. They are but a small minoristrikingly illustrated by the last an- ty. There are millions of Democrats nual report of the Southern Railway, who receive no benefit from licenses As is well known, this carrier has to plunder conferred by the governthrough its publicity bureau been at- ment, and there are millions of Repubtempting within recent years to attract labor and capital to the Southern States and to expand Southern would fatten upon the food of special trade and industry. By its educational | would fatten upon the food of special

tion to diversified farming and to more progressive methods of agriculture. Florida Citrus Exchange desire to de-During the year 1912, because of the sert the Democratic party let them small cotton crop, the Southern trans, be speeded upon their way, Bolting ported a smaller number of bales by of that description will clear up the one-third than in each of the two pre- situation. As the New York World devious years. Despite this fact, how- clares, "if there is to be a militant ever, the gross earnings of the sys- Democracy it must get rid of its sensitem were \$1,400,000 more in 1912 than tive private interests, and the pamin 1911, and \$1,800,000 greater in 1912 pered orange-and-lemon fraternity than in 1910. During last December, may as well lead the outgoing proces-

like institution of universal scope. Mankind has never agreed, and will never agree, as to what specific company constitutes the world's most illustrious citizens. This fact a recent symposium in New York prover. The question was put: Who are the twenty

greatest men in history? Here is the list of a New Jerseyman: Aristotle. Confucins Pericles Mahomet. Luther. Columbus. Constantine. Justinian. Charlemagne Alfred the Great. Humboldt. Copernicus. A New Yorker's opinion:

Richard Wagner. Aristotle. Beethoven. Napoleon. Robert Fulton. Saumel F. B. Morse. Archimodos Abraham Lincoln. Shakespeare. Disraeli. Dr. Pasteur. Marconi. Isaac Newton. Thomas A. Edison, Dr. Alexis Carrel,

A facetious fellow submitted this Roosevelt Theodore Roosevelt.

Colonel Roosevelt Bull Moose The Hig Wind Roosevelt. Ananias.
The Colonel.
The Third-Termer.
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I. I. I. I.
Oyster Ray Coffee Cooler,
Hero of Kettle Hill.
Everything for Everybody Toddy,
G. r. r. r. r. and Yowl Colonel.
Round Robin Lieut.-Colonel. Shoot 'em in the Back Ted. What, a Rough Rider Colonel, Three Cups of Coffee, Cowboy.

Col. Falsus in unum falsus in omnes.

A Frenchman nominated: Diogenes. Bergson Schopenhauer. Whistler. Phil May. Milton. Rostand. Menelik.

So much for New York viewpoints. laid upon the altar of confidence that What twenty men are greater in histhat the patchwork set of declarations whatever Providence decreed was well, tory to Virginians? Would Virginia it adopted mean nothing in so far as and in supreme resignation to His will. lists omit Lee, Marshall, Jefferson and The names of Ambler and Scott will other great Americans, as the New ever be indissolubly associated as il- York lists have? While the inquiry is lustrating the noblest traditions of on, who are the twenty greatest Vir-

> Statesmanship is on the decline in the Old Palmetto State, but the founts of eloquence and poetry are pumping mild, forth with pristine vigor. Lamp this This building stands-the Shelter- purple paragraph of poetical prose, entitled 'Sunrise in the Sunny South":

During the quiet, restful hours of the night, "hands of angels, hidden from mortal eyes," are changing the scenery of the heavens and when the "cock's shrill clarion" has signaled the approach of days the configuration witness; first, the soft-tinged heavens in the east, then a deeper and deeper tinge till Old Sol again begins to shed gentle rays over mountain tops, grain; ripening luscious fruits of abor, workmen's compensation, the hort ballot, cyster legislation and the their issues of to-day? Is the Demo-cratic party not to show the Democratic party not to sh traveler large of the situation, well stated by the Virginia Gaztraveler large of the situatraveler large of the situatraveler large of the share nighway.

The Sheltering Arms is an institution ful and fragrant the rose, the jessamine, the magnolia and the orange
blossom; giving a tinge of red to the
pale bloom of the cotton, one of the
staple crops of our own beautiful and
is the only one in the country.

Last

to the West Point corps in the inau-REPUBLICANS IN DEMOCRATIC gural parade, the New York Sun adds that "the Virginia Military Institute When it comes to the exploitation was praised by General J. Franklin de. There is no reason why should occupy the tail end of the people through the protective Bell when he was chief of staff, and list in educational and other line tariff, the Democratic members of the General Leonard Wood has said a good Let us have a Democratic State Con- Florida Citrus Exchange and the Re- word for it Its cadets march as well before the people backed by Cirus Exchange are of one mind. "If country. . . ." The Philadelphia something more than the personality of any man who happens to win the pomoination. Unless we do, with change ine party lines and changing sentiment, Democracy, our only safeguard. Citrus Exchange are of one mind. If the Democratic administration is a remark that he "does not care a rap for either West Foint or Annapolis; that he did not desire the presence of Democracy, our only safeguard the Democratic party," they threaten these cadets and midshipmen in the The wall of these grapefruit Demo- inaugural parade, but that those of Shall a State platform convention be crats is only the first part of an the Virginia Military Institute would called? The question is squarely up angry chorus soon to swell in the land, be there," but the President-elect auto the Democratic State Committee, If the Democratic party keeps its thorizes the Army and Navy Journal the only body vested with authority faith with the people, defections from to say that the quotation is "malicious-

Well, here's another ray of hope for

Abe Martin



carnings of only 5 per cent, as compared with 11 per cent shown by the Southern Railway. It is apparent that the Bouthern is beginning to realize the names of those who they deemed the big trees o' Californy.

With babies' overshoes sellin' at sixty cents a pair even th' poor man is up again th' tire proposition. Ever time a magazine gers hard up fer somethin' I' print it runs a story about the big trees o' Californy.

On the Spur of the Moment

By Roy K. Moulton

We filled our car with alcohol the other. They said it would not freeze if it were filled that way.

Far, far be it from us to brag, But our mobine acquired a jag.

That was a peach and there was sure the deuce to pay.

It wabbled and it staggered 'round from side to side.
'Twas like a bucking broncho that the punchers ride.

It took up both sides of the street.
We could not hang onto the seat,
f any one got in its pathway, woe

betide. We tore down forty rods of brand-new barbed wire fence. We jammed around and didn't think

about expense. We wrecked a hencoop, killed a cow And chased three miles a farmer's And in B. Oldfield's record put a lot of

Our car tried to go into each saloon

we'd pass.

The doors were all too narrow so we smashed the glass.

It was a day brim full of thrills,
That car found five illicit stills

And nine blind pigs before the thing ran out of gas. It dropped down by the roadside with

a dying wheeze,
And nineteen miles back home we had
to fan the breeze, Booze puts that car right on the blink; 'Twill never get another drink

We rather think we'll let her freeze.

According to Uncle Abner. An optimist is a man who wears a belt and no suspenders. You can's make a silk purse out of a

pig's ear or a social position out of a dress suff dress suit.

A feller ain't really reached the height of fame until he gets his name in the city directory in big letters.

The feller that invented the nickle plated pocket cigar lighter certainly had a grudge again manking

The trouble is that a \$2,000 hat gets dirty just as quick as a \$1 one.

The day has gone by when the shabman could get anywhere in this I know a feller who lost a \$5,000 job

bekuz he was too stingy to cents to get his shoes shined. There ain't nothing you kin smell further than a 5 and 10 cent store on

clothes.

It is always either a picnic or a panic in this country, which is a nation with an artistic temperament.

If there ain't anything the matter with the tariff now there will be when

riser can have his stommick.

The Modern Farmer. This farmer dialect we see On print is mostly bosh, A cultivated man is He never says "B'gosh!"

He never chews a piece of hay; He is no "rubber neck"; The English that he speaks is pure, He never says "by heck!"

"The He travels in his motor car: His wife wears classy gowns; le spends his moments laughing at

And hears it all the way.

The Cold Gray Dawn. When you raise from your bed, With a terrible head And your tongue's like a shredded

wheat: When your feeling at first Is a fire engine thirst

And you have no desire to eat.

When your brain's in a reel
And you're sure that you feel
The floor of your bedroom rock;
When the walls seem to sway
In an uncertain way
And you're sure of And you're sure it's an earthquake shock;
When you're cold and then hot

And you really do not Know just where you hid your shoes; When your hair stands on end And refuses to bend Though plenty of lard you use; When your fingers are thumbs And your dome of thought hums Like a saw in a lumber mill When your features all hurt

And you can't find your shirt
And the furniture won't stand still;
Though you may not confess, easy to guess.

And really no sort of chore; You can surely depend were with no sick friend When you sat up the night before.

Voice of the People

Keep the Bible Ont of the Public Schools. To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch: To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir,—It may not, perhaps, sound ungrateful that modern Christian churchmen augment the teachings of the Bible in a pure and unrestricted form, but to introduce it into the public schools would deny to every human being the rights of religious freedom, which the Constitution of the United States does not deny, and which surely cannot be denied on principles essentially unconstitutional.

To introduce the Bible in the public

cannot be denied on principles essentially unconstitutional.

To introduce the Bible in the public schools might perhaps gratify the religious enthusiasm of many a popular churchman; but it would not gratify the rights of citizenship. And citizenship is property, and property is law, and when we destroy the property of a man, we destroy the property of a man, we destroy the property of a man, we destroy the law! And it was sorely on these grounds that the spiritual agitators of mediaeval times paid dear the price of their lives. Mere history, not the folly of humanity, offers a palpable consideration of these facts, for in the light of all men's eyes, who would not stand up and cry; "I was brought up in the faith of my fathers, and among them my blood shall be shed!"

Why, then, should we, loving man-

shall be shed!"

Why, then, should we, loving mankind and the maintenance of order, renew these blood-bern hostilities among innocent little children—many of them gathered together under the walls of a school room listening to certain doctrines and religious precepts without the least sign of absolute consistency? We fear, indeed, we regret, that such is an enactment of polite gentlemen who realize the possibility of religion in the future, and who feel that they have created an act of honor to themselves, without the

THEIR MONUMENT

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Richmond, Va., Feb. 10, 1912.

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The Police Patrol's High Speed.

To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch: Sir.—Has the city of Richmond any more right to run over people on the streets than has an individual? Why should rather be getln' \$2 a day and have his stommick.

A feller' will cat pig nuckles and sauer kraut in a high-toned cafe, but will turn up his nose at 'em at home. Hank Tumms says he doesn't get through readin' the Sunday paper until it is time to start readin' the next one.

A feller never feels like stayin' on the farm until after he has moved into town and lived on one of them tabloid flats for a month or two.

The Modern Farmer.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 10, 1912.

The Police Patrol's High Speed.

To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch: To the

Sheltering Arms Founder's Day.
(Sheltering Arms Free Hospital, a memorial to Miss Rebekah D. Peterkin, founded February 13, 1889.)
This oft recurring day is fraught With memories of former years;
For absent friends who once here wrought

wrought Dwell now for aye in higher spheres. There breathes o'er all assembled here A sainted spirit, pure and sweet; Unheralded by trumpets clear, She comes from worship at His feet.

Through times of trial, hardships keen, Her guiding hand was at the wheel; Through waters that were more se-The frail barque still her touch could So thin the misty veil which hides. The spirit land from earthly ken, Who knows but that her hand yet guides

With vision clear, unknown to men! Like as a mother shields her child From chilling winds or wild alarms, Reared in His name, the Saviour mild, This building stands—the Sheltering

No price is asked, no gold is paid;
Free as the air, a boon to all;
This institution's plans are laid
To heed the cries of those who call!

Arms.

To give the weary, pain-racked frame A restful couch on which to lie, The while to soothe with Jesus' name The little children ere they die.

This noble work must still go on.
Though leaders fall and fortunes For, "Inasmuch as ye have done To these—the least—ye've done to

EMMIE BINNS WINGFIELD.

VIEWS OF THE VIRGINIA EDITORS

Did You Evert One of the lawyers who addressed Governor Mann on Saturday in behalf of Claude Allen, said: "If you will receive Claude Allen at

ernor then orders the Superintendent of the Penitentlary to take the "host then orders the Superintendent

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COMMERCE

If a woman has two servants she can accent the plural of it to make it sound like a dozen.—Lynchburg Prog-

in her swaddling clothes. We have not yet waked up to municipal conscious-ness. Indeed, it is very hard to feel high rates of speed in the streets by parrol wagons.

BYSTANDER.

The Mondragon Rifle.

The Mondragon Rifle.

The Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir,—About two years ago General Mondragon, Chief of Ordnance of Mexico, perfected the "Mondragon automatic rifle," the first automatic small arm to be adopted by any nation. Reports at that time were to the effect that the arm functioned perfectly, and it was adopted as the national rifle and ordered to be issued to the rurales as it was manufactured. The rifle at that time attracted considerable attention in military circles, but since then have heard nothing from the inventor or the arm until the present turn of affairs in Mexico.

J. C. WECKERT.

Sheltering Arms Pounded: We waked up to municipal consciousness. Indeed, it is very hard to feel like a city while we have miles of vacant land waiting to be built up, in Schubert and become city full besurprised at the difference it will be surprised at the close that the cores. Naturally the cows until be surprised at the difference it will be surprised at the difference it will be surprised at the colon.

His Unlucky Number.

Mr. Taft traveled 113,000 miles in four years. Evidently the way and bounds—Augusta County w date establishment under competent management, so that its output will be wholesome, sanitary and of best quality. Perhaps V. P. I. could put us in the way of geting an expert manager. An up-to-date hennery should also prove profitable. We need a first-large below. Ten much bounder was also prove profitable. We need a first-class bakery. Too much laundry goes away. Let our folks get busy. Let those who haven't capital give us ideas. The News will be glad to re-ceive them. And getting back to city betterment, why can't we stop throw-ing paper into the streets? Colonel Kenderdine some two or three years ago put a waste paper basket in the

> A Fine State Asset Gone.
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> It is too late to protest against the Federal taxation of incomes. The States have said they desired the power to pass to the general government. It is certain that Congress, when it enacts a tariff law at the extra session this spring and summer, will supplement it by law taxing incomes. We should make the best of the situation. A graduated income tax is not inequitable. The man with an income of \$10,000 a year should contribute the larger proportion of his substance to the support of the government than the man whose income is but \$5,000. It undoubtedly is true that the man who has the income upon which to pay should not be deserving of as great consideration at the hands of those who can make him pay, as the man who has not an income large expensely to attend the prayer would make about to drawn for a successor to Lord's Prayer is noted for its brevity, while long prayers were condemned by the Great Teacher. Poter's sermon on the A Fine State Asset Gone.

can make him pay, as the man who has not an income large enough to attract the attention of the taxing power.

But we dislike to see the State of Virginia lose the revenue which it now is deriving from taxation of incomes—when these are declared to the second. when these are declared to the com-missioners of the revenue,—Petersburg Index-Appeal.

The Old Virginia Muster. The Old Virginia Muster.

Fifty and seventy years ago regimental muster was held at Buck Newton's.

Would be too much.

It is against the law to send booze by parcel post, as postmasters have all the temptations they can withstand new Lebanon News. On those regimental occasions al- now .- Lebanon News.

further than a 5 and 10 cent store on a Saturday night.

Mary Garden ought to be getting along purty cheap just now. She says she cats almost nothing and it certainly doesn't cost her anything for clothes.

It is always either a picnic or a least fear or consternation that there are hundreds—nay, thousands—of Jew-ish children, who can feel as well as they, and who must suffer more than any other this terrible brutality!

JACOB ADELANSKI.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 19, 1913.

Some folks have gotten the idea that the sound like a dozen.—Lynchburg Progress.

Doesn't Object.

A dispatch from the neighborhood of Lyndhurst says that Mr. Finley J. Shepard bought \$35 worth of fine cigars yesterday. Evidently Mrs. Shepard does not object.—Lynchburg Advance.

Civic Hetterment.

No place offers finer opportunity for civic betterment than does Radford As we have said before, Radford is in her swaddling clothes. We have not It Pays.
Some folks have gotten the idea that Better think this over and a little newspaper advertising. You will be surprised at the difference it will be surprised at the difference it will be an your business. Become

Betting on Prayers. Betting on prayers as Betting on prayers as a sportive di-version during chapel has resulted in the expulsion of a prominent member of the senior class from Wesleyan University, according to the assertions of students at Middletown, Conn. The member in question was overheard "laying odds," is is declared, on the length of a prayer being made by one of the most venerable members of the faculty. Charges of irreverence were brought against the offending senior and his dismissal premptly followed

ago put a waste paper basket in the post-office, but paper continues to be thrown into the streets. All around the West End Hotel corner, and in the lot in front, there is always a mess of paper blowing about. We can quit that sort of thing right now.—Radford Record. at the dedication of the temple, and Daniel during the Babylonish captivity—most of the invocations are brief and to the point. When lots were about to be drawn for a successor to Judas Iscariot the prayer would make about to drawn for a successor to Icalia. to drawn for a successor to Lord's the Prayer is noted for its brevity, while The long prayers were condemned by the

have returned home, after visiting the former's parents at Minnehaha,—Little Creek correspondence, Bath County

High Room Rent. People who are trying to secure quarters in Washington for the inauguration are convinced that the original gold brick factory is located

in that city .- Warren Sentinel.

National State and City Bank Talks

Automobile Show Week

During the coming week, when Richmond will be host to many people from out of town, who will come to the city to visit the automobile exhibit, the National State and City Bank places its facilities at the disposal of those who may have any financial matters to transact.

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